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CONGREGAZIONE DELLO SPIRITO SANTO - CLIVO DI CINNA, 195 - 00136 ROMA

MEETING OF EUROPEAN FORMATORS

The European Formators held their annual meeting, at the Generalate, from November 2-8. There were 15 participants representing all the Provinces of Europe with the exception of Belgium. The "French Seminary" Rome, also took part. Six participants were members of the provincial teams: the others were working in formation. The Secretary for Formation at the Generalate, Fr A. Perrier, was present for all the sessions and members of the Council took part in the discussion of specific topics.

Some special questions:

As the General Council was in the Generalate, the participants took the opportunity to discuss with Frs Schouver, Jolibois and Castriani, certain questions concerning "The Guide for Formation", Internationality in the formation program of students in Theology and the Training of Formators.

The Guide for Formation was very welcome. Its spirit is to give directives on essentials while leaving room for changes suitable to local conditions. The Formators of Europe underline that each circumscription has the responsibility of organizing its formation program in line with the spirit of the "Guide".

Certain points held Formators' attention.

- The way the Church deals with vocation animation.
- The formation contract (Guide for Formation No. 57) and its connection with the community project of the postulancy.
- The time when a choice is made for Spiritan consecration as a priest or Brother.

Internationality is another reality within the Congregation. Without doubt, it will increase in the future in the Regional formation projects desired by the EGC, Dakar. Some circumscriptions have already begun collaborating on an international level e.g. in the Caribbean & in Latin America. Students in the second cycle could benefit most from it. They have already completed the essentials of their discernment and would profit from a multicultural experience.

First appointments

In the proposals for first appointments which are communicated to the students in good time, the General Council takes great care to present the priorities of the Congregation. Formators can help the young in their discernment taking into account individual preferences and competence for the post requested. The capacity to live in an international setting is a requirement in many of the projects proposed.

There are many students of the Third Cycle welcomed in Europe. This welcome is part of our solidarity but it demands open and honest discussion between the circumscriptions concerned, particularly on the following important points:

- community life;
- accompaniment and responsibility for studies;
- a supervised pastoral programme.

Other themes discussed

In addition, the following points were discussed:

- areas in formation communities needing attention;
- evaluation of the month's preparation for perpetual vows, at Gemert in 1995, and plans for August 1996, also at Gemert;
- the project of bringing together, in Portugal at Easter 1997, all the Spiritan students of Europe.

Other points requiring reflection beforehand by Formators were postponed to 1996:

- Brothers' vocations in connection with the research presently being done at the Generalate;
- the so-called "non-classical" vocations and the reality of the new catholic movements;
- training of Formators and the planning of their appointments to facilitate an adequate preparation.

Participants:

Albert Perrier	Generalate
Albert Claus	Germany
Eamon Mulcahy	England
Christian Berton	France
Philippe Rivals	France
Bernard Ducol	France
John Kingston	Ireland
Peter Conaty	Ireland
Petrus Delisse	Netherlands
Zbigniew Szadura	Poland
José Lopes de Sousa	Portugal
Agostinho Tavares	Portugal
Antonio Farias	Portugal
Paul Grasser	Seminaire Francais
Duarte Manuel da Silva Costa	Spain
Lucien Pochon	Switzerland
Jean-Marc Sierro	Switzerland

The year 1995-1996:

The responsibility of coordinating the work of 1995-1996 was given to Frs E. Mulcahy (Eng) and J. L. de Souza (Port). The letter sent to the Provincials at their meeting in Ireland in Nov. 1995 underlines more precisely, some fundamental aspects which will permit formators to do their job better. The next annual Meeting is scheduled for Poland in November 1996.

MEETING OF EUROPEAN PROVINCIALS

In Dublin, from November 20 -25, 1995, the Provincials discussed and analysed meetings and events of the previous year :

Spiritan Month: The Provincials agreed to host the European Spiritan Month in a different country each year. This will give an opportunity to local confreres to take part. One disadvantage is that some confreres will miss the opportunity of visiting the historical sites of the Congregation. Organizing the Month by language would have the serious disadvantage of losing the cross-cultural experience of the language groups.

The next European Spiritan Month, of which Fr E. Grimes(Ireland) will be Organiser, is scheduled for Ireland from mid-July to mid-August 1996. It is hoped that Fr Nives will be able to help so that Lusophones will be catered for adequately. As Spiritan Sisters will participate, it is important that a Sister be on the planning team.

Portugal will host the "Month" in 1997 and Germany in 1998.

European Bursars' and Procurators' Meeting, April 1995: Consideration was given to helping circumscriptions in the South in presenting projects to funding Agencies in particular. Presenting projects from a central office e.g The Generalate was not considered useful: Bursars and Procurators do not necessarily know the reality of other circumscriptions. However examples of well written projects could be made available to those interested, as is being done now by the Procure of Paris.

Justice & Peace: Fr John Skinnader is Coordinator for Justice & Peace for all the circumscriptions of the Congregation and not only for Europe. The annual meeting of the European Coordinators will be held in Bydgoszcz, Poland in November 1996.

Appel à la Mission: The next meeting will take place in Portugal. It will be organized by José Costa together with a confrere from France and one from Spain. It will be a "come & see" project. One topic suggested for the agenda is "*the use of the media in vocation animation*".

Archivists: The meeting of the European Archivists which

took place in Paris from July 06 - 10, 1995 was the first time Archivists met. The meeting was very constructive. A Sister who addressed the meeting emphasized that

"an Archivist is not a guardian of old material but an animator of the Congregation. It is important that there is a good link between the Archivist and the Secretary of the circumscription".

Some of the smaller circumscriptions have a problem finding personnel for this work. Germany has a lay woman half-time Provincial Secretary and half-time Archivist. The Provincials suggested that the second meeting of Archivists, scheduled for the Generalate from June 03 - 06, 1996, should develop a "Guide for Archivists".

Education: The provincials reflected on the meeting held in Blackrock on March 11, 1995, to which four provinces sent representatives. Preparations were set in motion for a longer meeting in 1996, to which lay partners will also be invited. The mission dimension and the unity in Spiritan mission in education were stressed. The common problems in the European Provinces in this apostolate were examined. Funds are available from the European Community for projects both inside and outside the school on condition that the projects are trans-national.

Relations with the Press: There were proposals to circulate information between the Provincialates for onward communication to confreres and others. It was noted that in the European Provinces there are few with a professional formation in communications. Formation in communications is to be encouraged.

Permanent Secretariat: The Provincials confirmed that this should be implemented. Among places suggested for the Secretariat, were Saverne and Strasbourg. The Secretary has not yet been appointed although a number of names have been suggested.

Other topics discussed:

- Communication of the Spirit of E.G.C. DAKAR.
- Formation: initial and on-going; Formation of Superiors.
- Care of the Elderly.

The next meeting will be in Rome in March 1996.

ASIA - RESEARCH PROJECT

The last General Chapter decided that we should "*consider another initiative in Asia*". The General Council asked Fr Brian McLaughlin to coordinate this research. The initial phase consisted of information-gathering. He has met with some 17 Congregations or Entities who have members working in Asia. He also spoke with individuals from Asia, or who have special links with it, as well as studying relevant material. Some Spiritans made very helpful comments to him, either personally or in writing.

The next stage was, based on the information, to decide which countries might be visited initially. He met with the General Council and criteria were drawn up. Not surprisingly, no country fulfilled all the criteria! Eventually, it was decided that he should visit Vietnam, Thailand, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Philippines and Japan. He will try to do this over a period of 3-4 months in the New Year, presenting a report to the General Council at the end of May 1996.

A second visitation, based on the report, to a limited number of places will be carried out by Fr Schouwer, or his delegate, Fr McLaughlin and, hopefully, a confrere who would be committing himself to work in Asia. Ideally, this would take place before the Autumn meeting of the General Council: this will depend on whether Fr McLaughlin can complete the initial visitation satisfactorily by mid May and/or whether a confrere, offering to be part of a new venture in Asia, will be available at that time. After this, the General Council will make a decision about if, and where, we will expand in Asia.

The General Council would be anxious to hear, as soon as possible from any confrere prepared to commit himself to Asia. Having spoken with his Superiors, he is asked to contact Fr Jim Hurley, General Secretary, Rome, for further discussion and discernment.

NEWS FROM THE CIRCUMSCRIPTIONS

Holland

Animation month in preparation for consecration to the apostolate.

From July 28 - August 28, 1995, the Province of Holland was host to a group of young Spiritans from Poland, Portugal, Nigeria, Holland, Ireland and Martinique who had come to Holland to prepare themselves for their definitive consecration to the apostolate. Beyond the specific aim of the meeting (discernment, reflection on life and the experience of living in an international community), it was an opportunity to discover another culture and especially to learn more about the Dutch Province.

The first week was a sharing of personal life-history and giving an account of the circumscription of origin of each. The second week was an insertion experience in places like Eindhoven, Tilburg, Enschede. The third week was spent in taking a second look at the missionary experience and situations in which the participants had lived. During the last week,

"we were able to profit from the experience of some of the Dutch Spiritans who spoke about the reality which their Province is presently living. Despite the lack of vocations, there is a strong missionary vitality and insertion in the life of the local Church. Their commitment to missionary work in their home country and elsewhere reinforced the hope of the older generation and of us also."

Without doubt the sharing of missionary experience by those who lived it was the high point of the month. These experiences were, in a radical way, a call of the Lord to make ourselves more and more available and close to the poor, whomsoever they may be. It recalled

to us the necessity to incarnate courageously, supported by our faith in Christ, our Spiritan charism in the realities of the present world and especially among the most deprived". (Thierry: for the Group)

USA WEST

NARB: The Brother: a Gift to the Collaborative Church. The National Assembly of Religious Brothers (NARB) held its annual Assembly in San Antonio, Texas, from June 15-17, 1995. Brothers from all around the USA, Canada and Mexico took part. NARB is a voluntary organisation of lay, male religious and associates. It is the voice for Brothers in shaping the future of religious life. It promotes vocations and speaks on issues of concern to Brothers. Br Michael E. Suazo CSSp was the 1995 Assembly Chairperson. He is also a member of the National Board.

Our confrere, Bro. Robert Hassel, CSSp., of Houston, Texas, assisted Bro. Michael with the hospitality which was pronounced the best ever by the participants. Bro. Michael E. Suazo, CSSp., and the local committee conducted a very successful appeal for funds to help support the Assembly and the programmes of NARB. The '95 Assembly which was overwhelmingly supported with the financial contributions of many bishops across the country as well as local businesses and individuals, realized more than \$15,000.00.



A gift to the collaborative Church

NEWS ITEMS

The General Council

Following the orientations given by the EGC at Dakar and having obtained the information from the Provincials of USA/E and Ireland concerning the possibility of hosting the General Chapter, The General Council decided to hold the next General Chapter in Ireland, in July 1998.

News Snippets

- **OCIC Missionary Service, Rome** can supply a portable Radio Station, capable of "covering" a Diocese. Unit cost ranges from \$22,000 - \$26,000. Further enquiries from Fr John-Paul Guillet at OCIC, Palazzo San Calisto, I - 00120 Vatican City, Italy.

- Maiden Editions:

- 1) *SIST News: News Bulletin of the Spiritan International School of Theology: First Edition, July-Dec. 1995.*
- 2) *The Missionary: Magazine of Nigerian Spiritans: First Edition: July-December 1995.*

- 3). *Mémoires Spiritaines*, published twice yearly by the French Province. It is not limited to a history of French Spiritans.

- **Fr General was principal speaker** at a SEDOS Seminar on Dec. 05, 1995 on the topic "*Ecclesia in Africa*". His talk will be published later, in SEDOS Bulletin.

- **Frs Morin**, Provincial Bursar of France and **Jeffery**, Provincial Bursar of England, visited Rome and Fribourg from Sept 27 - Oct 3rd. Their visit was intended to assist the General Bursar and General Council to draw up a financial policy for the Congregation. The visitors expressed satisfaction with the keeping of accounts and the management of funds.

- **Spiritans Life:** Frs O'Toole, Cahinga and Gross have accepted to be members of the Editorial Board of "Spiritans Life". The first meeting is scheduled from March 07 - 09, 1996, at the Generalate.

- **The Province of Canada** celebrates the Golden Jubilee of its Foundation on Monday 14th. Oct. 1996. However there were Spiritans in Canada long before and the Province of Canada will celebrate the centenary of its presence in 2005.

- Br Longino, Generalate, celebrated "eighty years young" on Nov.17, 1995!

Arrivals and Departures at the Generalate

Fr Vincent O'Toole, English Province, replaces Fr Vincent O'Grady as Archivist at the Generalate. Fr. O'Grady has spent ten years in the Generalate, seven as Archivist.



The two Vincents: O'Toole and O'Grady

Fr O'Toole worked in Formation in England, from 1964/1970 and in Nigeria from 1970/1983. He was Provincial Superior from 1988/1994.

Br Robert Gueno, France, replaces Br Paul Heinz, as Bursar at the Generalate. Br Robert was in Langonnet as horticulturalist 1966/1975, Procurator in Liberville, 1976/82, Procurator for the Diocese of Oyem, Cameroon, 1982/1985 and Bursar, Rue Lhomond, 1985/95



Brs Paul and Robert

General Bulletin n° 781 Corrections

Our Dead: the following should read:

28.07.1991 : Fr Michael Fallon Ireland, 65 yrs
 25.03.1992 : Séamus Cunningham Ireland, 68 yrs
 02.04.1992 : M. Doherty Ireland, 77 yrs
 04.07.1992 : T.J. Maher Ireland, 89 yrs
 23.08.1992 : Sammy Moore Ireland, 68 yrs
 11.05.1993 : Bro. Adrianus Tolboom **Bagamoyo**, 76 yrs
 07.04.1993 : George Lahiffe Ireland, 78 yrs
 22.04.1993 : Michael Clifford Ireland, 81 yrs
 15.05.1993 : Bernard J. Kelly Ireland, 82 yrs
 22.07.1993 : Con Peelo Ireland 65 yrs
 14.08.1993 : Peter Newman Ireland, 65 yrs

Dead: Omitted from General Bulletin

16.10.1993: Fr Patrick A. HANNAN Ireland, 72 yrs
 27.10.1993: Fr Declan C. CROWLEY Ireland, 78 yrs

Statistics:Rectified

p. 440, Bagamoyo: 7 Fathers, 1 Brother: Total: 8

Our Jubilarians

50 Years of Profession

19 March : Br Joao Baptista CHAVES Portugal
 19 March : Br Ireneu Francisco MATA Portugal
 05 April : Fr Johannes DIELISSSEN Netherlands
 05 April : Fr Willem-Jozef SPETH Netherlands

70 Years of Priesthood

11 April : Fr Heinrich POHLEN Germany

60 Years of Priesthood

09 Feb. : Fr Alexandre NDIAYE France
 21 June : Fr James P. BRETT Ireland
 21 June : Fr Michael J. GILMORE Ireland
 21 June : Fr Edmund J. RYAN Ireland
 05 July : Fr Joseph HOCKAY Belgium
 19 July : Fr Antonius VERHOEVEN Belgium

50 Years of Priesthood

02 Feb. : Fr Lucien BELEC France
 03 Feb. : Fr Raymond MAENEN Belgium
 07 April : Bp Donal MURRAY England
 04 June : Fr Anthony A. BACHER USA/E
 04 June : Fr David C. MARSHALL USA/E
 14 June : Fr Robert HUDSON Trans-Canada
 29 June : Fr François CREAC'H France
 06 July : Fr Michel PICARD France
 07 July : Fr Etienne DUPONT France
 07 July : Fr Michel GUILLEMIN France
 07 July : Fr Gabriel OLLICHET France
 07 July : Fr André TERLET France
 14 July : Fr Patrick BORAN Trans-Canada
 14 July : Fr Martin F. BRENNAN Trans-Canada
 14 July : Fr Patrick J. CAMPBELL Ireland
 14 July : Fr Matthew CORRIGAN Ireland
 14 July : Fr Edward DARCY Ireland
 14 July : Fr John F. GANNON Ireland
 14 July : Fr M. Gerard GIBBONS Ireland
 14 July : Fr Thomas A.C. O'BYRNE Ireland
 14 July : Fr William L. O'CONNOR Ireland
 14 July : Fr Cyril A. WARD Ireland
 21 July : Fr Theodorus de JAGER Netherlands
 21 July : Fr Adrianus VAN KAAM Netherlands
 21 July : Fr Martinus MUIJSERS Netherlands
 21 July : Fr Adrianus OLSHOORN Netherlands
 28 July : Fr Charles WICK Switzerland

25 Years a Bishop

23 May : Bishop François MAURER France

Our Dead

Nov. 9 : Fr Denis BLACKLEDGE England, 66 yrs
 Nov. 14 : Fr Bernard O'REILLY England, 73 yrs
 Nov. 15 : Br Raoul Bérard BLAIS Canada, 78 yrs
 Nov. 26 : Fr Denis CARTWRIGHT England, 78 yrs
 Nov. 27 : Fr William O'MEARA Ireland, 79 yrs
 Dec. 06 : Fr Christian EON France, 87 yrs
 Dec. 11 : Fr Joseph DAVITS Netherlands, 76 yrs
 Dec. 12 : Fr Friedrich W. WEBER Germany, 84 yrs
 Dec. 13 : Br Louis BERETTA France, 77 yrs